## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

- 1. (Currently Amended): A semiconductor device comprising:
- a capacitor formed above a semiconductor substrate and including

a cylindrical-shaped storage electrode <u>having a cylindrical projection</u>, an edge of the <u>cylindrical projection being located on an uppermost part of the cylindrical-shaped storage electrode</u>,

a capacitor dielectric film formed on the storage electrode, and

a plate electrode formed on the capacitor dielectric film,

an upper cylinder edge of the storage electrode the edge of the cylindrical projection being

rounded and having a larger thickness than a thickness in the a rest portion. \/ \

2. (Currently Amended): A semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein the <u>cylindrical-shaped</u> storage electrode has a thickness gradually thickened toward to the upper cylinder edge the edge of the cylindrical projection.

3. (Currently Amended): A semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein a side surface of the storage electrode cylindrical projection is tilted and a peripheral circumferential length of a cylinder the cylindrical projection is gradually increased toward to the upper cylinder edge the edge of the cylindrical projection.



4. (Currently Amended): A semiconductor device according to claim 2, wherein a side surface of the storage electrode cylindrical projection is tilted and a peripheral circumferential length of a cylinder the cylindrical projection is gradually increased toward to the upper cylinder edge the edge of the cylindrical projection.

## 5-6. (Canceled)

- 7. (Currently Amended): A semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein an inner surface of the storage electrode at a border portion between a side surface and a bottom surface of the cylindrical-shaped storage electrode is rounded.
- 8. (Currently Amended): A semiconductor device according to claim 2, wherein an inner surface of the storage electrode at a border portion between a side surface and a bottom surface of the cylindrical-shaped storage electrode is rounded.
  - 9. (Currently Amended): A semiconductor device comprising:

a capacitor formed above a semiconductor substrate and including

a cylindrical-shaped storage electrode <u>having a cylindrical projection</u>, an edge of the <u>cylindrical projection being located on an uppermost part of the cylindrical-shaped storage electrode</u>,

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a capacitor dielectric film formed on the storage electrode, and a plate electrode formed on the capacitor dielectric film,

the <u>cylindrical-shaped</u> storage electrode being formed of a metal film and having a larger thickness at an upper cylinder edge the edge of the cylindrical projection than a thickness in a rest portion.

- 10. (Currently Amended): A semiconductor device according to claim 9, wherein the <u>cylindrical-shaped</u> storage electrode has a thickness gradually thickened toward to the <u>upper cylinder edge</u> the edge of the cylindrical projection.
  - 11. (Currently Amended): A semiconductor device comprising:

a capacitor formed above a semiconductor substrate and including

a cylindrical-shaped storage electrode <u>having a cylindrical projection</u>, an edge of the <u>cylindrical projection being located on an uppermost part of the cylindrical-shaped storage electrode</u>,

a capacitor dielectric film formed on the storage electrode, and

a plate electrode formed on the capacitor dielectric film,

the <u>cylindrical-shaped</u> storage electrode being formed of a metal film and <del>an upper cylinder</del> edge of the storage electrode the edge of the cylindrical projection being rounded.

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12. (Currently Amended): A semiconductor device according to claim 11, wherein the <u>cylindrical-shaped</u> storage electrode has a thickness gradually thickened toward to the <u>upper cylinder edge the edge of the cylindrical projection</u>.

13-20. (Withdrawn)